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HEAVY WEAPONS

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1. CHARGE SAW DIRECTOR GENERAL MOHAMED SHERIF AT THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY ON JUNE 11 AND CONVEYED ORALLY THE THREE POINTS IN
REFTEL. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TOOK CAREFUL NOTES, BUT DID NOT
COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE POINTS. LATER WHEN THE
SUBJECT OF A POSSIBLE SOMALI CONTRIBUTION TO THE SHABA FORCE
CAME U IN ANOTHER CONTEXT, MOHAMED SAID IN A JOCLAR
MANNER, "IF YOU FURNISH US WITH THE WEAPONS, THEN PERHAPS WE
CAN SUPPLY THE TROOPS".

2. ON JUNE 10 FEDREP AMBASSADOR METTERNICH SOUGHT OUT THE
CHARGE TO REPORT THE COMMENTS PRESIDENT SIAD MADE TO THE
FORMER THAT MORNING. AMBASSADOR METTERNICH SAID THAT SIAD
BECAME VERY EXCITED WHEN DISCUSSING A POSSIBLE ARMS SUPPLY
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WEST. ACCORDING TO METTERNICH,
SIAD SAID ALL THE USG WILL DISCUSS IS ANTI-TANK
DEVICES. THE SOMALI LEADER ASKED HOW THE WEST EXPECTED
HIM TO DEFEND HIS COUNTRY AGAINST AIRCRAFT AND
ARTILLERY. METTERNICH COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT SIAD

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MADE THE OBSERVATION IN THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT IT
WOULD BE PASSED TO THE USG.
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